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Filed:

April 20, 2005

Art Unit:

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Examiner:

Applicant:

Ogden et al.

Title:

FABRIC SOFTENER SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USE

IN CLOTHES DRYER

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#### **COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

Attached is a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application for the above-identified application, and a copy of the filing receipt for such application. The PTO identifies this application as a continuation-in-part of application 10/119,343, now abandoned, and lists a filing date of April 20, 2005. The applicants did not file this application, and it appears that the PTO has made an error.

The applicants filed Serial No. 10/826,975 on April 16, 2004, which is a continuation-in-part of application 10/119,343, now abandoned. Attached is a Filing Receipt for the '975 application, and a Notice of Publication. A Response to Notice to File Missing Parts was filed September 28, 2004, together with a Declaration duly executed by all of the applicants. See attached copies. The PTO issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment for the '975 application, and the applicants filed a response on April 20, 2005. See attached copies. The present status of the '975 application is that applicants are awaiting receipt of the initial Office Action.

It is respectfully requested that the PTO confirm an error was made in assigning an application number 11/110,535 to the continuation-in-part application, and that application

number 10/826,975 is proceeding toward a examination as noted above. The PTO is urged to contact the undersigned directly if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(f) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### **SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

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#### RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application (Filing Date Granted) mailed on June 29, 2004 and entered in the above-identified application, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney to overcome the defect in the application identified in the Notice. Applicant further encloses a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) and a one-month extension of time for the late filing of same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment in fees or credit any overpayment to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 08-2625. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### Applicant(s)

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#### Assignment For Published Patent Application

Odden & Company, Inc.

Power of Attorney: None

#### Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CIP of 10/119,343 04/08/2002 ABN

Foreign Applications

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Title

Fabric softener system and method for use in clothes dryer

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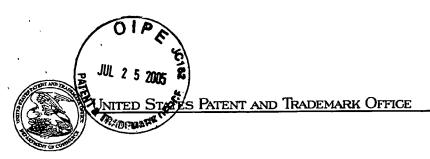
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**Foreign Applications** 

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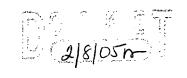
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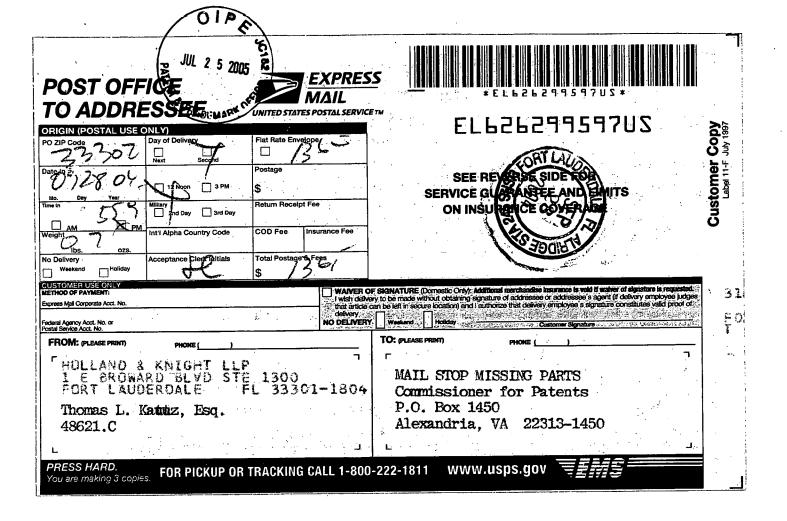
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